**Great Speeches Project**

**80 POINTS Due:**

**Focus / Content:**

Choose a great speech in history that is NOT covered by the syllabus. Draw upon the discussions held during the speech unit and write a paper (5-7 typed pages) that thoughtfully considers / addresses the following information:

I. The Historical Background 5 points

- place in context of social, political, economic events

- immediate events preceding and proceeding the speech

II. The Speaker 5 points

- brief biographical information

- as speaker is revealed in the speech

- rhetorical history (other notable speeches)

III. The Audience 5 points

- as physically present

- as extended by the media (print / electric)

- influence through time

IV. The Speech 30 points

- adaptation of speaker or audience

- style analysis (diction, tone, rhythm, pace, imagery)

- rhetorical analysis (appeals, devices, reasoning)

**Organization / Style / Conventions** 15 points

- Must include a bibliography of sources (including speech location)

- Use intext citation for borrowed information and ideas

- Do **NOT** use any sources for style and rhetorical analysis – do it yourself!

* Please include a copy of the speech for my reference.

**Presentation of Speeches (20 points)**

\*Presentations should last 10 - 12 minutes MAXIMUM – PLAN accordingly

\*Provide **essential** background

\*Read select portions of the speech (with appropriate transitions) – and provide

oral interpretation **/ brief** summary of the analysis in your paper

Points will be awarded for “stage” presence, preparation, clarity of sound and information, and adherence to guidelines.